



## FACT SHEET

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### **Nanticoke River, NW Fork, Dorchester, Caroline, & Wicomico Counties, MD & Sussex Co., DE**

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**Type of Project:** Navigation

**Project Phase:** Operation & Maintenance

**Authorization:** The project provides for a channel 12 feet deep and 100 feet wide from Tangier Sound to the highway bridge at Seaford, Delaware, with a turning basin at the upper end and a slight widening of the channel between the bridges in the harbor at Seaford to a depth of 9 feet. The Northwest Fork channel is 6 feet deep and 60 feet wide from Upper Browns Wharf to the southern boundary of the town of Federalsburg, with a turning basin at the upper end.

**Congressional Interest:** Senator Paul Sarbanes (MD), Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD), Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (MD-1), Senator Joseph Biden (DE), Senator Thomas Carper (DE), Congressman Michael Castle (DE).

**Non-Federal Sponsor:** Wicomico County, Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware are the local sponsors and are required to provide lands, easements and rights-of-way for the dredging and the placement of the dredged material.

**Background:** The project was last dredged in 1990. The project serves as the only navigation access to the town of Seaford, DE., and also serves fuel barge traffic to a major power generation plant at Vienna, MD.

**Status:** The upstream end of the main channel was surveyed in 2002. Results indicate that the project has shoaled to a controlling depth of about 9.5 feet. We have been working with Sussex County to identify suitable upland dredged material placement sites. FY 2005 funds will be used to continue those engineering and design efforts in preparation for future dredging when funds become available.

**Funding:**

FY 05 Allocation:                      \$ 38,000

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